

1 **Regular Meeting**  
2 **Minutes for May 16, 2005**

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4 *A Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County, New*  
5 *Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm*  
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7 **Council Present:** Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Dwarica,  
8 Councilwoman Heveran, Councilman LaBianco, Councilwoman  
9 Mitrani, Councilman Puzzo, Council President Ryan,  
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11 **Council Absent:**  
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13 **Also Present:** Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney,  
14 Borough Administrator, Victoria Miragliotta  
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16 Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.  
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18 Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Ryan led in  
19 the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**  
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23 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin  
24 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.  
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26 **PRESENTATION**  
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28 **Lakeview Avenue** – Lou Lugilio, Vollmer Associates, gave an overview of the traffic  
29 study to date.  
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31 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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33 **Closed Session “A” – April 11, 2005-** A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica,  
34 seconded by Councilwoman Mitrani to approve the minutes of Closed Session “A” April  
35 11, 2005 minutes. Roll Call Vote: Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani,  
36 Puzzo, Ryan voted yes. Minutes approved.  
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38 **Regular Meeting Minutes (as amended) – April 11, 2005** – A motion was made by  
39 Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Ryan to approve as amended the  
40 Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2005. Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons Dwarica,  
41 Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan voted yes. Councilman LaBianco voted no. Minutes  
42 approved.  
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44 **APPOINTMENTS**  
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46 Mayor Cherchi asked for a motion to appoint Council President Ryan as Council Liaison  
to the Website Committee. A motion was made by Councilperson Dwarica, seconded by

Councilwoman Mitrani, to appoint Councilman Ryan as Council Liaison to the Website Committee. Councilman LaBianco asked about the Web Site committee and when was it created. Mayor Cherchi reported that it was established by Ordinance.  
Roll Call vote: Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Puzzo, and Ryan voted yes. Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Louise Galleshaw – 569 Broad Avenue – Mrs. Galleshaw spoke regarding the traffic study.

### **REPORTS**

**Finance, Administration & Personnel** Councilwoman Mitrani stated she hoped the budget would be introduced.

**Laws & Ordinances** – Nothing to Report

**Police** – Council President Ryan said discussion would be in Closed Session

**Fire** - Councilwoman Heveran reported 32 Calls in April and 4 Mutual Aid Calls. Councilwoman Heveran also explained the Sunday morning drills. Councilwoman Heveran explained the upcoming Mutual Aid Drills.

**Ambulance Corps.** - Councilwoman Dwarica read a letter from Mr. Tappen.

**Public Works** - Councilman Ryan reported that all the paperwork for Phase II and III of the Downtown have been forwarded to the State for approval. Fort Lee and Broad design work has been completed. Leonia Avenue work should be commencing soon. Councilwoman Mitrani explained that several things would not be included in the Downtown.

**Real Estate & Insurance** – Nothing to Report

**Borough Administrator** The Borough Administrator reported on the Grand Avenue Drainage. There will be public meetings in September. Regarding the bat issue that was brought up at a previous meeting, all protocols were followed correctly. Spoke with Bond Council regarding the Field House, and the \$10,000 appropriation is ok. The Cell Antenna bids have been completed and will be dispersed on Friday.

**Special Bodies of the Borough** Councilwoman Mitrani reported that the Merchants Association is going to join the Chamber of Commerce and going to charge an annual fee of \$50.00 to be used for printing brochures etc. The Merchants Association would like to have a sidewalk sale.

Councilwoman Mitrani asked who is responsible for cleaning the outside of the Recreation Building. Borough Administrator stated that painting would be a Capital item.

93 **Mayor** Praised Leonia Day.

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95 **RESOLUTIONS**

96 Mayor Cherchi pulled 05- 117 for a separate vote.

97 Councilman LaBianco questioned the need for bottled water. The Borough Administrator  
98 explained that the water cooler on the first floor of Borough Hall is open to the public.

99 The Borough Administrator will advise what the total cost is for the year.

100 Councilman LaBianco questioned the phone service at the pool when the pool is not  
101 open. The Borough Administrator will look into the bill.

102 A Motion was made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica to  
103 approve Resolutions 05-132 through 05-140. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Dwarica,

104 Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, and Puzzo voted yes. Councilman LaBianco voted no.

105 Resolutions approved.

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107 A motion to introduce Resolution 05-117 was made by Councilman Ryan seconded by  
108 Councilwoman Mitrani. On discussion, Councilman Puzzo questioned why no meetings  
109 had been held with regard to the budget. The Borough Administrator explained that there  
110 were meetings held with each department and the Finance Committee.

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112 Councilman LaBianco questioned why we are paying interest on a TAN issued last year.

113 The Borough Administrator explained. Roll call vote on the Budget Councilpersons

114 Dwarica, Mitrani, Ryan voted yes. Councilpersons Heveran, LaBianco, Puzzo voted no.

115 The vote resulted in a tie, Mayor Cherchi voted yes. The budget was introduced.

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117 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

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119 Introduction of Ordinance 10-05 entitled:

120 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SALARY**

121 **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO ADD THE POSITIONS OF**  
122 **OFFICE MANAGER TO RECREATION AND SEASONAL BOOKKEEPER FOR**  
123 **THE LEONIA SWIM POOL**

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125 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

126 **Borough Administrator Explained the Ordinance**

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128 A motion made by Councilperson Puzzo seconded by Councilperson  
129 Dwarica to Introduce Ordinance 10-05

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131 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, voted  
132 yes. Ordinance introduced.

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134 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

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136 Adoption of Bond Ordinance 06-05 entitled:

137 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS**  
138 **IMPROVEMENTS TO SYLVAN PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**

139 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**  
140 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$70,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO**  
141 **MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE**  
142 **ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE**  
143 **ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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145 Maureen Olsen of 17A Lakeview Avenue asked what this project was going to do. The  
146 Borough Administrator explained it is for drainage on the field and field improvements.

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148 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**  
149 **Borough Clerk Explained to the Governing Body why this Ordinance**  
150 **was being re-introduced.**  
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153 A motion made by Councilperson Puzzo seconded by Councilperson  
154 Dwarica to Re-Adopt Bond Ordinance 06-05  
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156 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, voted  
157 yes. Ordinance Re-Adopted.  
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159 Adoption of Bond Ordinance 08-05 entitled:

160 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAGNOLIA**  
161 **PLACE AND BEECHWOOD PLACE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**  
162 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**  
163 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$288,018 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO**  
164 **MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO**  
165 **FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE**  
166 **OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF**  
167 **SUCH BONDS.**  
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169 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**  
170 **Mayor Cherchi gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance**  
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172 No one from the public spoke.  
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174 A motion made by Councilperson Mitrani seconded by Councilperson Dwarica to  
175 Adopt Bond Ordinance 08-05.  
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177 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan,  
178 Puzzo, voted yes Ordinance adopted  
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180 Adoption of Ordinance 09-05 entitled

181 **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET**  
182 **APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**  
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184 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

185 **Mayor Cherchi explained the Ordinance**

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187 No one from the public spoke

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189 A motion made by Councilperson Dwarica, seconded by Councilperson Ryan to  
190 adopt Ordinance 09-05

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192 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan voted yes.  
193 Councilmen LaBianco, Puzzo voted no. Ordinance adopted.

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195 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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197 **Budget Date Review** The budget will be adopted on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> provided that the  
198 State approves the budget.

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200 **NEW BUSINESS**

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202 **Ordinance for Members of Fire Department not Residing in Town** Councilwoman  
203 Heveran would like this to go to Laws & Ordinances.

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205 **Cable Franchises:** The Mayor explained why this was put on the agenda.

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207 **CORRESPONDENCE**

208 Councilwoman Mitrani brought forth the letter from Recreation regarding Pennants for  
209 the Lights.

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211 Councilwoman Heveran asked to have the handball court in Wood Park put on the next  
212 agenda.

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214 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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216 No one spoke.

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218 **CLOSED SESSION**

219 A motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran to go into closed Session (Resolution M)  
220 seconded by Councilman Ryan. All in favor, none opposed.

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222 There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:06pm by  
223 Councilperson Heveran seconded by Councilperson Ryan. All in favor none opposed  
224 meeting adjourned.

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226 Respectfully submitted,

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229 Fran Lehmann  
230 Borough Clerk